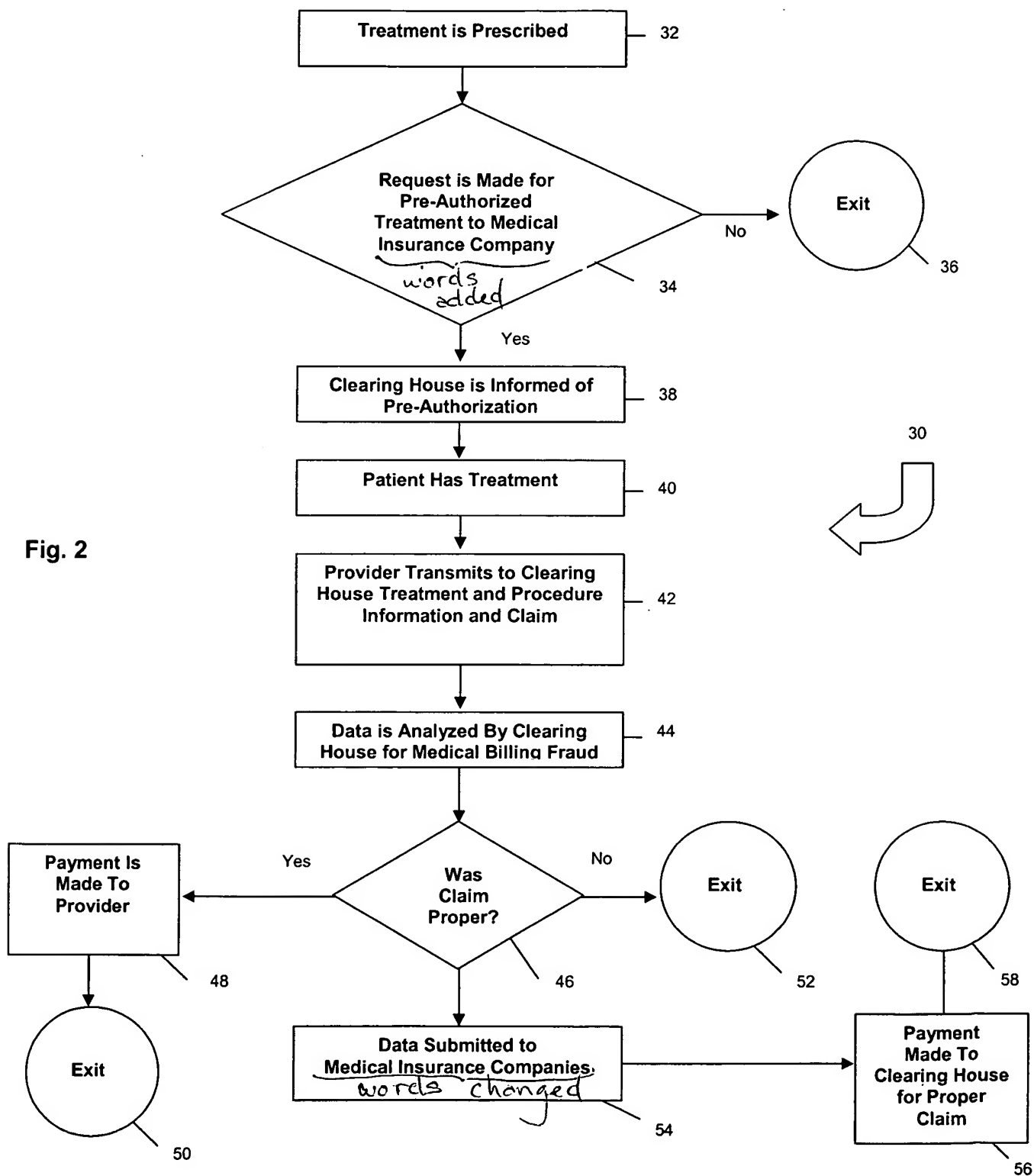


Fig. 1

Fig. 2



Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-27 have been canceled from this application. New claims 28-34 have been added to this application.

The specification has been revised to clarify the description of the invention. The words and phrases added either appear at other places in the specification or are an inherent part of what has been previously disclosed. For example, the disclosed communication link – the internet – is a communication link between computers. Accordingly, those of ordinary skill in the art would understand that communications between the medical facility where the health care provider provides medical treatment, the clearing house, and the medical insurance companies would be between computer systems at these locations.

Several of the paragraphs in the specification have been broken into multiple parts for clarity.

No new matter has been added.

The drawings have been revised to better illustrate the invention and support the changes made to the specification and to the claims.

Closing

The re-crafting of the specification and the submission of new, more detailed claims better explains the operation of the disclosed system.

Applicant respectfully requests that upon examination of the claims by the Examiner a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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